



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

SAN ANTONIO FIRE DEPARTMENT – FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION

CLIFF MORTON DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS SERVICES CENTER

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TO: Participating Fire Alarm System Contractors

SUBJECT: **INFORMATION BULLETIN 155**
Requirements for Fire Alarm System Inspections

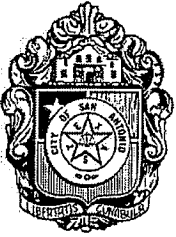
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Section 106.2 of the 2006 International Fire Code, as adopted and amended by the City of San Antonio, grants the authority of the fire code official to “conduct such inspections as are deemed necessary to determine the extent of compliance with the provisions...” of the code. This section is applied to all fire alarm system modifications and installations within the City of San Antonio.

In order that confirmation of functionality, code compliant installation, and adherence to state statutes is achieved, the San Antonio Fire Department requires that certain conditions are met at the time of the inspection, and that certain documentation is provided by the installing contractor before the inspection may take place. The attached listing details all of the documentation that is required to be on hand, and which conditions are required to be met.

Any variation from the conditions listed will require a written request be submitted to the Fire Prevention Division, and approval received from the Fire Marshal.

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ATTENTION ALL FIRE ALARM CONTRACTORS

EFFECTIVE DATE: DECEMBER 5, 2008

All fire alarm contractors are required to furnish the fire inspector a copy of the following written documents before the fire inspector begins to witness the test of the fire alarm system. Note that with the exception of Items 4 and 5, which are deferred until the final fire inspection for issuance of a certificate of occupancy, failure to provide the fire inspector these written statements will be cause for the test to be cancelled and a reschedule fee to be imposed. *

1. The written statement required by NFPA 72, Section 4.5.1.2
2. A copy of the Record of Completion as required by NFPA 72, Section 4.5.2.1
3. A copy of the Texas Department of Insurance Fire Alarm Installation Certificate (Form FML-009A, Rev. 01/06).
4. Maintenance agreement with facility owner as required by the International Fire Code, 2006 Edition, Chapter 9, Section 901.6.3 as adopted and amended by the City of San Antonio. (See Above)
5. Monitoring contract with a licensed monitoring company for systems, which require monitoring in accordance with the International Fire Code, 2006 Edition, Chapter 9, Section 907.15 as adopted by the City of San Antonio. (See Above)
6. Approved plans and submittals bearing the original stamp and signature of the plan reviewer.
7. Copy of the Fire Review Activity Form with the plan reviewer's approval comments.
8. Proof of current licensing of the contact person present at the inspection.

* Requests for inspections of partial installations will require a written statement (item number one above) for the portion being tested. This often occurs in those installations involving a single fire alarm system protecting multiple structures such as apartment complexes. In all other installations, inspections of partial installations (e.g. floors 1 through 5 of a ten story high rise occupancy) will require prior approval by the Fire Marshal in addition to the written statement.

All system components are to be tested in accordance with NFPA 72, Chapter 10, Table 10.4.3.

Note: This will require all fire alarm contractors to provide adequate personnel, and any and all necessary equipment such as: canned smoke for smoke entry tests, sound level meters, ladders, and any other materials as required by NFPA 72 and/or manufacturer's instructions.

ALSO: All fire alarm contractors shall remind the general contractors or property owners for whom they are working of the following:

NFPA 72, Chapter 5, Section 5.7.1.11: Detectors shall not be installed until after the construction cleanup of all trades is complete and final.

Exception: Where required by the authority having jurisdiction for protection during construction.

Detectors that have been installed prior to final clean up by all trades shall be cleaned or replaced in accordance with NFPA 72, Chapter 10.

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